

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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April 2, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:39

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dixon Cartwright
Presentation study—2:00 Bill Crow
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Matthew 6:19–24
Sermon Bill Crow

Quick takes

1. Traveling speakers—We are pleased to announce the following traveling speakers coming to our congregation.
 - Today—Bill Crow
 - April 23—Daniel Hammons
 - April 30—Ken Tate
 - May 7—Terry McAdams
 - May 14—Jim Johns
2. Pastor's travel—Today Dave Havir is giving a sermon in Huntsville. (This is the congregation that was previously pastored by Albert Foy, who died on Dec. 25.)
3. Steam-cleaning the building carpet—Ron and Linda Avey want to inform the congregation that we plan to steam-clean the church carpet in July. Although there will be times (at church functions or community functions) where we will have food throughout the church building, we want to develop the habit of generally eating food in the rear of the hall. (Tables have been set up in the back to help accommodate enjoying our regular Saturday treats.)
4. Wednesday-night Bible study on April 6—Everyone is invited.
5. Probable small meal in building on April 15—Although the majority of the congregation may plan to have the traditional meal (called by many The Night to Be Much Observed) on April 15 in their homes, we expect to have a few people who will want to have a small gathering in the building. If interested, please contact Dave Havir.

6. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Education Freedom—Civil Rights Issue of Our Time” by Allen West.
7. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Angels in the New Testament—Part 2” by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 38 pages. (This edition has nine articles and 273 headlines.)

Prayer updates

In the last two bulletins, we mentioned that **Naomi Irion** of Fernley, Nev. (18-year-old daughter of former Ambassador College students **Herve** and **Diana Irion**), was kidnapped from a Walmart parking lot on March 12. On March 25, major news outlets reported that law-enforcement officials arrested a suspect in the kidnapping, although Miss Irion was not found. On March 30, major news outlets reported that the body of an adult Caucasian female was recovered from a gravesite and that an autopsy confirmed the identity to be Miss Irion. The Irion family thanks all the volunteers for their hard work in trying to find Naomi and bring closure to the family. Although the Irion parents presently live in South Africa, they spent many years living in the Houston area. **Dave Havir** believes that there could be services both in Nevada and in the Houston area. Mr. Havir expects that **Jim Franks** (longtime friend of the Irions) will officiate. Please remember the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Ella Mae Horter of Willow Grove, Pa. (sister of Laura Moran), has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

James Burrus of Garland (stepfather of **Martha McIver**) died March 31. Please remember his wife, **Vivian** (Martha’s mother), and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Spring feast days

1. Memorial on Thursday evening—April 14 at 7:30
 - Memorial of the suffering and death of our Lord
 - “Night He was betrayed”—1 Corinthians 11:23
 - New Testament symbols—1 Corinthians 11:23–26
 - Christ, our Passover—1 Corinthians 5:7
 - Live transmission
2. Commemorating the time of Christ’s death—Friday at 3:00 p.m.
3. Traditional meal on Friday evening—April 15
 - Traditional meal—depicting deliverance from Egypt
 - Remember the Old Testament history—gathering in homes
 - The pastor recommends cozy gatherings in homes
 - The building may be available for a cozy gathering
 - Old Testament history and spiritual applications

4. First day of Unleavened Bread—Saturday, April 16
 - Because Christ is our Passover—1 Corinthians 5:7–8
5. Remember the timing of Christ’s resurrection
 - Three days and three nights after His death
 - Monday, April 18
6. Seventh day of Unleavened Bread—Friday, April 22

Feast of Tabernacles

1. Housing at the Pelican—If you want to stay at the Pelican Beach Resort, please fill out a housing form (found on our website and Information Table). Booking through the church provides the benefit of being tax exempt. Please book early.
2. Other housing in Destin—Since the Pelican finally (after all these years) raised the cost of its rooms, some people may want to consider other venues for housing. Ami Ison of the congregation in Decaturville, Tenn., offered to help. She recommends Emerald Coast by Owner (emeraldcoastbyowner.com). If you want advice, feel free to call her at (731) 614-2635.
3. Housing in North Myrtle Beach—A block of rooms will be held for us until Sept. 8, 2022. However, we recommend you book early. (Information is on our website and on our Information Table.)

Thought for the week

People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable.

Angels in the New Testament—Part 2

This article is from the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbig sandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of April 2, 2022.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Angels in the New Testament—Part 2.” The presentation discussed angels from the book of Revelation.

Did you know that there are 75 references in the book of Revelation where the Greek word *angelos* is translated as either “angel” or “angels”?

And there are other descriptions. Some

are listed below.

- 24 thrones with 24 elders
- 7 spirits
- 7 stars
- 4 living creatures

Mentioned at the beginning

Revelation 1:1—“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John.”

Revelation 1:4—“John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne.”

Revelation 1:20—“The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.”

Seven congregations

Revelation 2:1—“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write . . .”

The same wording is included to refer to the other six congregations—Smyrna in 2:8, Pergamos in 2:12, Thyatira in 2:18, Sardis in 3:1, Philadelphia in 3:7 and Laodicia in 3:14.

Before the Lamb

Revelation 5:6—“And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.”

Millions of angels

Revelation 5:11—“Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.”

Angels worshiped God

Revelation 7:11—“All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God.”

Seven angels with seven trumpets

Revelation 8:2—“And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.”

Seventh angel

Revelation 11:15—“Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our

Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’ ”

Archangel Michael

Jude 9—“Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, ‘The Lord rebuke you!’ ”

Revelation 12:7-9—“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

Angel preaching to entire world

Revelation 14:6—“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people.”

Seven angels with seven last plagues

Revelation 15:1—“Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.”

Revelation 16:1—“Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, ‘Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.’ ”

Message to God’s people

Revelation 18:4—“And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.’ ”

Humility of an angel

Revelation 22:8-9—“Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, ‘See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.’ ”